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9 April 1952

Vice-Admiral E. L. Cochrane, Administrator Maritime Administration U. S. Department of Commerce Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral: 25X1C

nationals under the Merchant Ships Sales Act of 1946, as amended. The objective is to minimize the use of these vessels as chartered carriers of strategic materials to the Soviet Bloc.

The success of the contemplated program will depend upon the degree of coordination and joint action on the part of the Central Intelligence Agency, State, Defense (ONI), and especially the Maritime Administration. For this reason, it would be helpful to have an early exchange of ideas, particularly those relating to the legal aspects of the program, between this Agency and the Maritime Administration.

Subject to your concurrence, it is suggested that the matter be explored further by representatives of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Maritime Administration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/
A. W. Dulles
Acting Director

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